





There's a holiday... and then there's 'Luxury Collection'. An out of this world-class travel concept finely crafted and honed by Thompsons Africa. Our 'Luxury Collection' invites you to set foot on African soil, and leave the fine luxurious detail to Thompsons Africa. Experience multiple layers of luxury, seamless levels of service, and the most sublime accommodation and extraordinary adventures that only Africa has to offer.

You will experience unimaginably romantic world-class game lodges in the heart of the African bush, with breathtaking vistas, sumptuous cuisine and luxurious accommodation. Dine under the stars, shower under the sun, and sip sundowners in unforgettable settings.

Be pampered at exclusive hotels, charter a private plane, step off the planet at a six-star spa, or slow down on a luxury train to magical places...if you can dream it, you can live it.

Luxury Collection by Thompsons Africa redefines the traditional concept of travel.

















Our vast destination knowledge and passionate professional team ensure that Luxury Collection by Thompsons Africa is ideally-positioned to deliver innovative, personalized Southern African experiences and luxurious value-adds that meet your guests' specific needs and interests. We will go above and beyond to deliver an extraordinary adventure that only Southern Africa has to offer. Your valued guest will leave our shores with memories exceeding their wildest dreams.



JANINE SOUTHWOOD

Janine Southwood, who has been in the industry for more than 20 years, heads up the Luxury Collection by Thompsons Africa team. Janine and her team will customise exclusive, creative travel itineraries, all imbued with distinctive traces of Southern Africa.

THE EVOLUTION

OF THE

AFRICAN SAFARI



The word 'Safari' was originally derived from the Swahili word meaning 'Journey' and through the 1900's, the African safari has seen a journey of its own.

For first time visitors to Africa and for those who return, a safari is a soul-stirring experience. No visit to South or Southern Africa is complete without a safari indulgence.

Secure in a glorious canvas tent or luxuriating in an acclaimed five-star lodge, an African safari will always bring guests closer to the very nature of things. And they'll return time and time again.

Imagine undulating mountainous terrain, shrouded by a never-ending cacophony of time old trees, or an abundance of birdlife chirping a constant melody of mating calls. Top this with mesmerizing sightings of the Big Five ... or the Small Five, as one traverses the ever changing landscapes, not knowing what adventure waits around the corner... The Modern Safari encompasses ultra luxury, majestic wildlife sightings and gastronomical experiences to tempt any taste buds.

With a greater focus on conservation including wildlife Conservation, habitat Conservation and environmental Conservation, 'Protect and Preserve' through first-hand experience has evolved the modern day safari into a Socially Responsible Journey.







LUXURY TAILOR-MADE ITINERARIES



For discerning guests, Southern Africa's brand of luxury means the exclusive option of a specialised or customised itinerary, with a wide, highly selective range of superb destinations and experiences. The diversity of the landscape, the climate, the people and the attractions are unrivalled elsewhere, so guests can cherry pick from our sensational luxury collection, compiling an itinerary which satisfies their interests. High adventure or culture and history; hiking trails or a photographic safari; global shopping expeditions or glorious sunshine and perfect waves on some of the world's finest beaches - supreme luxury in the city, in the country, in the wilds. Any- and everything's possible - we customise exclusive, creative travel itineraries, all imbued with distinctive traces of Southern Africa.

What do guests typically enjoy and long to experience in a luxury customised tour of Southern Africa?

This vast region is home to numerous international branded accommodation establishments as well as superlative five star local brands. These world-class boutique hotels, lodges and bed-and breakfasts, are sited in supreme locations designed to take advantage of breathtaking views, easy accessibility to shopping malls and acclaimed restaurants in key cities, the country's finest health spa facilities, and a host of other desirable attributes. The services are world class, yet guests will always experience the sense of place.

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For those who long to embark on an authentic African safari, a stay at one or more of the world's finest Big Five private game reserves, is unforgettable on so many levels. Luxury here revolves as much about a gourmet bush meal round an open fire under star-studded African skies, as it does about the supreme professionalism and knowledge of the finest wildlife guides on the continent. It's about supremely comfortable open safari vehicles, local flights into gloriously remote locations, and memories made in breathtaking lodges with award-winning architecture and decor.

Southern Africa is a visual feast, whether it's the natural beauty of the acclaimed floral kingdom, the spectacular mountain ranges, the stark desert, or the extraordinary coastline. For the luxury collection, we seek out the magnificent and make it extraordinary. We curate safaris for guests passionate about photography, those for whom history is important, and those who enjoy fine dining and wine tasting.

The Luxury Collection provides guests with the ultimate experience on land, sea and air. They'll see southern Africa from the most luxurious vantage points, where attention is paid to the smallest details, and a professional is with them every step of the way. Each customised itinerary is as unique or as specialised as a guest chooses.

Luxury in Southern Africa is more of a galaxy than merely five stars.







LUXURY TRANSFERS



Experience absolute luxury with a Private Luxury Transfer from our fleet of vehicles, or take to the African skies by helicopter. Time is precious.

Opt for a charter flight and be at your selected lodge enjoying lunch before embarking on a dream safari.





GO AS YOU PLEASE.... IN STYLE



For guests who want to 'go as they please', we offer a range of luxury vehicles.

Our self-drive itineraries are legendary.





Audi A3 Convertible

Audi A8 Audi Q5

Audi TT S Coupe

BMW 428i

BMW 428i Convertible

BMW 650i

Mercedes Viano Range Rover Sport

BMW 750 iL BMW X4 BMW X5

Jaguar XF

Jaguar F-Type

Jaguar F-Type S Coupe Jeep Grand Cherokee

Mercedes SLK

Toyota Prado VX 3.0 Diesel

Jeep Wrangler

Land Rover Discovery 4
Mercedes-Benz CLS
Mercedes E Convertible
Mercedes-Benz ML350 CDI
Mercedes-Benz ML63 AMG

Mercedes S Class
Range Rover Evoque









SUPERB SPACES



With strong partnerships in South and Southern Africa, Thompsons Africa offers unforgettable experiences in spectacular locations.







PRIVATE & SAFARI GUIDES



For guests looking for a private, expertly guided experience, we will ensure that the right guiding expert accompanies them on their journey or joins the guest for a part of their special journey.

They will share their knowledge and passion with guests ensuring an exceptional 'experience of a lifetime'.

Totally flexible, design any itinerary and we will put a vehicle and one of our experts at your disposal. A hassle free way to travel in complete comfort!

Wherever possible, we will request the Head Ranger at all Preferred lodges.











RED CARPET... THE BIG SPOIL



The Red Carpet service is designed so that you can tailor-make a superbly luxurious trip for guests who insist on those wonderful little add-ons, those little extra touches of luxury. Our guest profile questionnaire will assist us in ensuring that your guests' are constantly surprised and delighted. We've compiled a sophisticated and comprehensive range of deluxe options in the Red Carpet service for you to select from, and because of the diversity of choice, you'll be able to pick and choose, even match, individual deluxe elements which you know will be just right for your guests... and contribute to a holiday which surpasses all others.

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CHAMPAGNE AND RED CARPET

Arrive in high style! We will arrange a red carpet with French Champagne (Moet or similar).

GOLD WELCOME AND PLATINUM MEET AND GREET SERVICE

Conducted on a private basis, guests are met personally, assisted with luggage, escorted to a restaurant or coffee shop and, while they're refreshing themselves with a complimentary juice or hot beverage, will be handed their documentation. Thereafter, they'll be personally assisted with banking, foreign exchange, cellular rental, and any other retail service they need within the terminal building, before being escorted to their onward transportation. Guests feel pampered and secure in the knowledge that they understand their itinerary arrangements, and that any questions or concerns raised, will be answered swiftly.

In addition, offered for the Platinum Welcome Meet & Greet Service – currently only available in Johannesburg and Cape Town - guests are met on arrival straight off the aircraft by our personnel who have official airport clearance to be there. Guests will therefore feel completely at ease, knowing they'll be escorted from the moment they step onto South African soil.

In addition, guests are also able to opt for their briefing to take place at their City hotel.

SURPRISE AND DELIGHTS

In order to ensure that, along their journey, your guests are constantly thrilled with special little touches, we send you a Guest Profile Questionnaire. This information helps us to enhance your guests' experience, surprising them with mementoes as wonderful keepsakes of their extraordinary journey.







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LEATHER TRAVEL JOURNAL AND/OR MELVILLE & MOON SAFARI BAG

To journal their extraordinary Southern Africa encounters and experiences, we have a stock of journals which can be included in the cost of the trip.

We are able to brand the travel tag on the safari bag with your logo and include your guests' name on the journal (please allow for sufficient time for branding and/or embossing to take place).

TIPPING AND PORTERAGE

Tipping in a foreign country can be confusing. We eliminate the need by handling all the tipping with a prepay or bill back on the guest's behalf.

IMMEDIATE HOTEL CHECK IN

For those guests who arrive on an early flight, we will request an early check in at their selected hotel.

24 HOUR PRIVATE TRAVEL VALET (PERSONALISED TRAVEL CO-ORDINATOR)

This Private Travel Valet will oversee a guest's entire itinerary from start to finish. He/she will travel with your guests, and is at their beck and call for the duration of the journey, answering their every need. The service includes travelling ahead to ensure luggage moves smoothly from A to B, and is unpacked and ready on arrival.











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